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EXHIBIT 1
DATE 3-13-09
SB 247

Dear Members of the Business and Labor Committee:

This letter is to express my support of SB-247 the Metals Theft Bill. Senator Black has sponsored this bill and SB-247 will be heard by the Business and Labor committee on March 13th. Please pass this bill with the amendments attached. The amendments will give this bill more strength and put all recyclers on a level playing field.

The addition of the term "trading, bartering, or collecting" will remove any excuses by companies or individuals who collect recyclables to circumvent the law. The majority of us in this industry do not want to be the local fence for stolen metals. Unfortunately there are some who will not maintain good standards. This term will require all of us acquiring recyclables to obtain proper ID's and descriptions from our customers. Without regard to whether we pay cash or trade something of other value for the metal.

The other amendments to the bill will give us in the business a better understanding of what is required. I understand this will require our company to prepare and retain more paper work. This will not be a problem if Golden can help reduce the bigger problem of metal theft.

I have talked with Border Steel of Glendive, Allied Waste (Billings Recycling) of Billings, and A & S Metals of Butte; they are all in favor of this bill with the amendments.

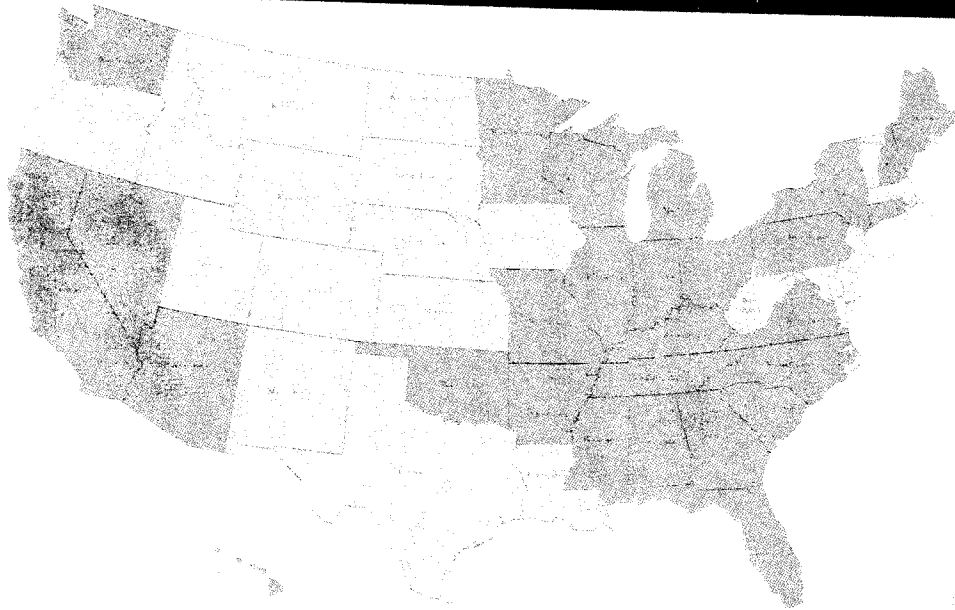
Again, please vote in favor of SB-247 with the amendments. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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Combating Copper Crime

(States, shown in green, with laws regulating scrap metal sales or explicitly criminalizing the theft of copper and non-ferrous materials)



SOURCE: NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES



Billings Police Department

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February 19, 2009

Subject: Senate Bill NO. 247

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to formally request that you consider moving forward on Senate Bill NO. 247. Our department is in favor of this bill (with the up-dated changes) and would very much like to see it pass.

We investigate hundreds of thefts every year and of those, we see a lot of thefts involving salvage metal. One of the biggest problems in investigating crimes of stolen metal is there is no way to track the thief that sells stolen metal to a salvage yard. Senate Bill NO. 247, with the added amendments, would help in tracking down thieves and would make it more difficult for them to pedal stolen material.

If you have any questions about how this Bill would help law enforcement investigate stolen salvage metal, please call me. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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